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TO THE PUBLIC

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I hope to have a continuance of the generous patronage which has been given the this store, assuring you that every customer will receive prompt and courteous service.

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous 1918 for you all, I am

Yours truly,

J. M. St. Clair

THE NICKEL STORE

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Decatur, Tex.

MANY WISE COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL SHARE IN STATE AID

The following schools will get state aid provided they meet all the requirements, so states State Superintendent Doughty in a letter to our county superintendent, Brandon Trussell: Valley View, \$400; Union Hill \$180; Crafton \$400; Greenwood \$500; Paradise \$500; Alvord \$500; Union Chapel \$300; Newark \$400; Lone Mountain \$350; Audubon \$250; Rush Creek \$350; Lisle \$400; Boyd \$500; Bethel \$250; Park Springs \$500; Splawn \$200; Chico Independent district \$500. Special—Core \$100; Lone Star \$20; Willow Point \$140; Perrin \$200; Sweetwater \$200

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DALLAS SPEAKER HERE MONDAY, 21

To Create Interest in Campaign to Buy Thrift Stamps and Win

Mr. Dave Cahn of Dallas, representing the National War Savings Committee will be in Decatur next Monday, Jan. 21, to co-operate with Chairman Will Rush and the local committee in the work of pushing the sale of thrift stamps and war-savings certificates. Mr. Cahn is thoroughly informed as to the plan of the government in this important work, and will address the citizens of Wise county here on the above date, explaining the necessity of all citizens taking part in this movement of the government to finance the war. He is a fluent speaker, and all who hear him will not only have their patriotism revived, but will realize more fully the importance of each individual helping in every possible way to win the war. Come out and hear Mr. Cahn next Monday.

Chairman Rush of the local county committee, has been putting forth splendid efforts to arouse the people of Wise county to the point of investing in the thrift stamps and saving certificates, but as yet the people have not demonstrated the proper interest in the work. This war-saving plan offers an opportunity for the poorest individual, as well as the more prosperous ones, to aid the nation with their money, and at the same time make a safe and paying investment. Throw your quarters or your dollars into the slot and help whip the kaiser!

INFORMATION WANTED BY COUNTY AGENT KEMP

County demonstration agent, E. T. Kemp, requests farmers and stockmen to report all contagious and infectious diseases among animals of every kind.

He desires to be informed of any lack of food or feed stuff or need of seed for next crops.

He advises a liberal sowing of spring oats and to follow them with June corn, peas, peanuts or sorghum. The nation will need larger yields than have ever before been produced in all crops.

He emphasizes the importance of terracing as soon as possible and quickly preparing lands to hold the water from winter and spring rains. Farmers will have to hasten, as the terracing season will soon close.

All farmers have the privilege of calling on Mr. Kemp for any of the valuable information that the government offers thru him. His office is in the court house. Any newspaper, business house or bank will be glad to point out his office. He is a well-informed man in the demonstration work, and very affable and courteous to all callers, with a desire to be of assistance in any way possible.

CAPT. BILL McDONALD DEAD

Veteran Officer Meets Defeat at the Hands of the Grim Reaper in Wichita Falls—Brief Illness.

Wichita Falls, Texas, Jan. 15.—Captain W. J. McDonald, United States marshal for the district of Northern Texas, and as a Texas ranger, fought his last fight and met his first defeat here tonight. Death resulted from pneumonia. The case was practically hopeless from the first by reason of bullet holes piercing each lung, received in a fight in Quanah in 1888, when McDonald was captain of the rangers. For a week he had been ill at the home of his sister, Mrs. M. T. McCauley, in this city. To the end he maintained that physicians attending were wrong, that he would be up in a short time and shortly before losing consciousness this morning, he inquired about the weather and asked if his home Quanah had received a good rain.

J. B. Duff has returned from a stay in Hillsboro.

BOARDS PAY TOO HIGH—CROWDER

Army Head Says Drafting Soldiers Costing Government Too Much

Extravagant expense bills filed by many members of local boards for their services in classifying registrants has led Provost Marshal General Crowder to accept the recommendation of board members and others connected with the administration of the selective draft to place the salary feature of the classification system on a cost basis. In a telegram sent to all state governors General Crowder promulgated new regulations approved by President Wilson under which the boards hereafter will receive an aggregate of 30 cents remuneration for each man finally classified, exclusive of compensation for clerks or examining physicians who are not members of the board. Under the old rules the boards were allowed a maximum of \$150 a month for each member exclusive of clerical help. While many board members have renewed their offers of gratuitous services and others have held their expense accounts down, General Crowder said in his telegram, "A considerable number regardless of size of registration in their respective jurisdiction have made their estimates on so extravagant a basis that the total cost could not be paid out of any appropriation which congress would be willing to make or which the people of the nation would approve."

WILL SOME ONE HELP THE SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS

Will some public-spirited citizen offer at least one acre of land within one mile of Decatur high school for a demonstration plot for the school? An immediate reply will be appreciated.

E. T. KEMP,
County Demonstration Agt.

REVIVAL MEETING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The revival meeting continues at the Baptist church with growing interest. The services have been held every day and night in spite of the extreme cold weather and encouragingly large crowds have been in attendance at every service. There have been several conversions and several additions to the church. Bro. Wolfe has done some ponderous and pungent preaching. I think I never have heard better in a revival meeting. Bro. Babbit has lead the music in a very effective and gratifying manner, his solos have been especially helpful. The meeting will continue until Sunday night. The subject for tonight, Friday, is "The Devil's Trap and Trappers." You are cordially invited to attend and hear this great sermon. Be sure and hear it. There will be special emphasis put on the Sunday services and large crowds are expected. Let the people come to the Sunday school. We want 300. We had 180 last Sunday in a blizzard. You are cordially invited.

HARLAN J. MATTHEWS.

RED CROSS REPORT.

Box Number 4 was shipped a few days ago, containing the last garments sent in by the ladies of Slidell, Rhome and Greenwood.

Mrs. Fulligin and Mrs. Thompson will be ready to begin the surgical dressing class soon. They will teach every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons; everyone invited and urged to come help make surgical dressings. Watch for the date when the class will begin.

Ladies from all the branches and auxiliaries are urged to begin these classes.

Don't forget, ladies, to come and sew every Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

We want to ship a box every two weeks, and we need your help.

MRS. RUSH, Reporter.

Attend the Majestic tonight.

Stung! Never Again—
No more mail order
goods for me.

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CATALOG



A man ought not to be shot or put in an insane asylum because he sends away to a catalog house for his hardware. He ought to come into our store and let us show him that it is not only more convenient but that it "pays" him to buy from us. We buy in "big quantities" and get for ourselves and give to you the "little" price and "we" pay the freight—not you.

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We will be glad to take your order for any part you may need for your farm implements.

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The Meridian Garage announces a new shipment oftubes and tires. 30x3 red tube, \$3.00 each; 30x3 tires, \$11.50; 30x3 1-2 tubes, \$3.50; 30x3 1-2 tires, \$14.00.

The State Highway Commission has notified the Meridian Garage that a shipment of numbers is on the way here, and will arrive sometime next week.

M. J. Shaw died at his home in the Anneville country last Tuesday after a short illness. Mr. Shaw was one of the most highly respected farmers in his section, where he had resided many years. He was honorable and upright, and had the regard of a large number of friends and acquaintances. The funeral services were held at the Pleasant Grove church. Deceased leaves a wife and several children.

EUROPE FACES DIRE FOOD AND FUEL SHORTAGE

Inadequate Supply of Heat Ex-
pected to Cause Much
Suffering.

HOW THE ENEMY STANDS

People Have Less to Eat This Winter
Than Last, Is Belief—Two Fodder
Discoveries—Disaffection
in Austria.

London.—Europe is going to lead the simple life this winter and for a long time thereafter. There is not a country that does not now realize the real danger of extreme food shortage. But food shortage is not the only or in most cases the worst of the menaces. The nations face and realize as never before the exhaustion of all necessary supplies. Although food will be scarce in all countries, whether belligerent or neutral, it is doubtful whether that will impose as much hardship on people as the shortage of fuel, writes Judson C. Williver in the New York Sun.

In Europe's climate food is fuel to the body quite as much as it is nourishment. Sharply restricted supplies of food, and that of a doubtful quality and poor variety, might be endured if there were plenty of fuel. It is when the supply of fuel, both outside and inside, falls below the necessities of physical effort that people begin to suffer.

Europe has neither carbon for its food nor carbon for its fireplaces, and in some respects the northern neutrals are even worse off than the belligerents. Rations of important food necessities have been reduced by some of them even below the amounts allowed in Germany. England is by far the best supplied country in the matter of food, and the authorities are making desperate efforts to make the population realize that rationing will soon be compulsory unless food consumption is considerably reduced. The food authorities have announced a policy of accumulating sufficient reserve to feed the country for three months, if no imports shall be received during this time.

Question of Shipping.
In the case of England it is entirely a question of shipping. Big stocks of food have been gathered in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and elsewhere, but there are no ships to bring them here. England is probably better situated in the matter of coal supplies than any other country, but must divide with its allies, France and Italy, and so far as possible some of the neutrals hope to be taken care of from the English mines.

The German food situation is puzzling. Apparently the authorities are not nearly so confident about it as they would like the public to believe. The year's harvest turned out more satisfactory than seemed probable during the period of droughts and hailstorms in midsummer, but on the other hand reserves were heavily drawn upon before the harvest of 1917 was gathered. Reserves, indeed, may fairly be said to have disappeared. The carefully cultivated official un-

PRINCESS JEANNE



Little Princess Jeanne, youngest member of the Italian royal family, photographed while on a visit to wounded soldiers recently, returned from the Italian battlefield. The princess is one of the most popular members of the king's family, especially with the Italian public. She is beloved by the soldiery.

derstanding in Germany is that there will be a better food supply this winter than last. The specific statements justifying this expectation are highly unsatisfactory. The Munich Medical union has declared that there will be less food, except potatoes, this winter than last. Throughout Germany there is apparently a pretty general belief that this is true, and widespread demand is voiced for an increase in the allowance of potatoes.

In Germany, as in England, the immediate result of the harvest was a great increase in the marketing of potatoes with the consequence that in many places there were not storage facilities to take care of them. The fear is expressed that a not inconsiderable portion of the potato yield will be wasted, partly because of overconsumption in the agricultural areas and partly from inadequacy of storage facilities. So from many German authorities comes the warning that despite a big yield of tubers the coming winter is likely to see conditions quite as bad regarding them, and worse as to many other things than last winter.

Ominous Suggestion.
The ominous suggestion is made by some of the German food authorities that it will not do to be too free with potatoes, because later it will be necessary to mix more potato flour with cereal flour to stretch the supply. Also as there was a short crop of fodder throughout the country potatoes are likely to be required to feed domestic animals.

The fear of such an event has caused widespread demand that more hogs be slaughtered than they may not require to be fed with potatoes that the people will need. The number of hogs in the country has been increasing this year, and the fact gives concern because the pig is an active competitor of a munition worker or anybody else in the matter of food requirements.

German authorities have determined that beyond providing a moderate meat ration the transmutation of vegetable into animal food is a dangerously wasteful process. So there is an effort to induce farmers and village dwellers to restrict the number of hogs and cattle to the point where it will be just possible to raise the absolutely necessary meat ration.

The relation of the general economic breakdown to agriculture is indicated in both England and Germany by matters affecting the supply of agricultural machinery. In Germany there is a most serious shortage of all kinds of agricultural tools and machines, because the old ones have worn out and there is neither metal nor manufacturing capacity to provide new ones.

In England the complaint particularly concerns the supply of motor plows. The government long ago promised that thousands of these would be furnished in time to put a greatly increased acreage in cereals under cultivation in 1918. Now when the fall plowing season is on it develops that want of shipping or other reasons have prevented the delivery of anything like an adequate number of these machines.

A Dresden physician who is quoted as an authority, has recently discussed the German food situation as regards the requirements and supplies of various classes of consumers. He finds that children up to eight years of age are receiving a reasonably satisfactory ration, but the amount allowed to those from eight to eighteen is utterly insufficient and that the shortage seriously threatens the physical vitality of the next generation.

Some of the German jurisdictions have recently announced that newly married couples will be granted a double food allowance for the first six weeks of their married life! Elsewhere provision has been made to double the food allowances of nursing and expectant mothers.

Two Fodder Discoveries.
The effort to find fodder for animals has started the professors on many investigations and inquiries. Doctor Degen, director of the seed testing station in Budapest, claims to have discovered two valuable articles of fodder. He writes:

"The searush (*Bolboschaenus maritimus*) was known, as regards the part above ground, as a fodder equal in value to straw. Recent experiments have, however, shown that the tubers growing on the roots underground are far more valuable. They come very near to the horse chestnut in the amount of raw protein, raw fat and starch contents, without the bitterness. If they are used for the manufacture of spirits the wash, either wet or dried, can also be used for fodder.

"The pond bullrush (*Scheenoplectus lacustris*) also contains a valuable underground organ. The horizontal roots, containing a great quantity of starch, form a good concentrated fodder. If used in distilleries the wash is not so valuable as that from the searush. But in a time of need it is a raw material that can be used for various purposes."

Milk famine confronts all Europe. The situation has long been bad, and grows steadily worse everywhere. There is constant and increasing conflict between the various state and municipal authorities dealing with the food question throughout Germany. In this regard the German situation is much more complicated and difficult to handle than the English.

The state and municipal governments in Germany are very jealous of their authority in their respective jurisdictions, and the federal authorities dare not or cannot impose universal regulations upon them. In Saxony arrangements have been made to reimburse farmers who would import from other states cows and heifers in calf. Farmers making such purchases will receive a premium of 20 per cent of

"SENORITA" BROWN

By HERMAN WOODS.

It was in Professor Alonso's "Spanish in Twenty Lessons" class that Tom Edgewood first met her. Tom was learning the Castilian tongue because it was part of his scheme of personal advancement to become a member of the South American agency of the concern for which he worked. But when Tom asked the girl why she was giving her time to the twenty lessons she smiled charmingly and replied: "Why shouldn't I? One has to do something."

"Then have you nothing else to do?" There were several ambitious young stenographers in the class and Tom thought perhaps she, too, was learning the language for business purposes.

"No, nothing much," she answered. "One can't play bridge and dance all the time. Oh, I do go in for suffrage a little, and, of course, there are things to do at home, but I find Spanish very diverting."

There had already been fifteen lessons of the course, and although Tom had never been able to find out the girl's name except that the professor called her "Senorita Brown," he had as a matter of fact become, as he thought, fairly well acquainted. At the seventeenth lesson, he had summoned courage sufficient to linger after class with her and beg the privilege of calling on her, but she merely laughed archly and asked him why he wanted to see her outside of class. She didn't exactly discourage him. She gave him permission, in fact, but she did not tell him where she lived and Tom's courage vanished before he had asked her for her address.

But Tom had—for some reason that he couldn't readily explain to his own satisfaction at the time—given the girl a much better idea of his own activities. In fact, he confided to her, as he had confided in no one else, the ambition that was leading him to seek a career in Spanish-America. This all took place before and after Professor Alonso's lessons, and as the girl always arrived early and did not seem to be inclined to cut the after-lesson talks short, Tom felt that she at least found a passing interest in him.

"I'd awfully like to know you better," he told her one day—it was the nineteenth lesson in the series. "I have wanted to call, but you didn't seem to want me to."

"But I said you might if you cared to." "And then you wouldn't tell me where you lived. In the meantime, I have told you everything about myself, my plans and ambitions. There is a lot I would like to talk to you about. We might even air our Spanish a little. I happen to have the afternoon off. Won't you come with me to luncheon—anywhere you say—and let me have a chance to know you a little better?"

"I should like to so much," she said with regret, "although of course, it would be dreadfully unconventional but I am afraid I can't. I am going to be busy; in fact, I mustn't stop a minute after class. I really ought not to have come to class at all this morning."

Tom pleaded a little. "I didn't want to tell you," she explained, "but I am busy this afternoon with the suffrage parade." Here Tom recalled later that he saw her flush ever so slightly.

"No particular reason why you shouldn't want to tell me that, is there? You don't imagine, do you, that I am one of those sentimentalists who feel a prejudice against having women at the polls or in a suffrage parade if they choose to be there? I am sorry, of course, if that is what keeps you from lunching with me. But go ahead, little lady, and do your best. If I were a suffrage organization I wouldn't want to miss having you in the line, I'm sure. And perhaps you will go with me some other time."

"Promise one thing," she asked as they parted. "Promise you won't watch the parade this afternoon." "I won't absolutely promise," he said, "but I will try to resist the temptation of seeing you again this afternoon."

The next meeting of the Spanish class was the last in the series. Tom Edgewood was in his place at the usual time and so was the young woman whose seat was next to his. But in Tom's greeting there was a note of distance and none of the usual cheerful camaraderie. He looked intently at her, with a look that was calculated to show her his displeasure, but the young woman, apparently, did not read his meaning.

After class, she hesitated for her usual exchange of pleasantries. Why didn't he urge again for permission to call. Why didn't he say anything about the postponed luncheon engagement?

"We had a wonderful crowd out to the parade," she said as an attempt to evade personalities, but this seemed to touch a sore point with Tom.

"Yes," he said, averting her look, and then said no more. As there seemed to be no more conversation, the girl started out of the room, and after two or three minutes Tom followed her. She had waited for him in the hall and they took the same elevator to the entrance of the building.

"You are very cool," she said, as she joined him on his way out. "Not cool, Senorita Brown," he said, with a forced laugh and an emphasis on the senorita. "I am really rather glad that I didn't follow your instruc-

tion to stay away from the parade, for now I can apologize for my rudeness in asking you to take luncheon with me and in pressing you for the permission to call. You will accept my apologies, won't you?"

"Apologies—why apologize? What did the parade have to do with that?" And then she stopped and looked in amazement at him. "Do you think I am married? Is that it?"

"I don't know what else to think. Why else, in the name of common sense, would you be trundling a baby carriage along the street for three miles with the banner floating over your head, 'We, the Mothers, Demand the Vote,' and a lot of other similar mottoes? It was a very pretty sight and as impressive a plea for suffrage as I have ever witnessed, but you can see how I was a trifle surprised. Why don't you ask Professor Alonso to call you senora instead of senorita?"

"I'm not married, though," she insisted. "Oh, I want to explain to you, but it is a long story. Perhaps you will come with me now to make that call?"

"Better go to luncheon with me. If you are quite sure that no jealous husband will interfere. Still there is a deep mystery to solve."

Ten minutes later, Tom and Barbara Brown—for that was the girl's name—were seated tete-a-tete at a table in Barbara's favorite luncheon place.

"Now, I shall proceed to explain," she began, talking across the softly lighted table. "You know I asked you not to come. I was afraid that some thing would happen so that I wouldn't want you to be there. I hurried down to headquarters where the line of march started just as soon as I left you. Well, I had planned to march in the young unmarried women's section—dressed in flowing white robes, carrying all sorts of pretty banners. One of the sections that had been counted on most was to be the mothers' section, with a lot of young mothers pushing their precious babies in baby carriages. Well, about an hour and a half before starting time the chairman of the committee in charge of the parade learned that while there were to be some four or five hundred girls in the unmarried women's brigade there were only just about ten in the mothers' section."

"I heard of the trouble and, being on the committee, I figured that something had to be done and that I was the one to do it. We had got to have some babies and some baby carriages and some mothers. Well, I went to the brigade of young unmarried women, who were already beginning to assemble, and picked out some of the best sports in the crowd and told them what I was going to do. Then I went to the department store on the opposite corner. I happened to know one of the members of the company—friend of dad's. I found him in and told him that we wanted to borrow fifty baby carriages of assorted designs and we'd got to have them delivered within an hour. He staggered a little, but I told him we wouldn't hurt them for future sales and if we did dad would stand the damage. So he agreed."

"Then the question was where to find the babies. I got the fifty girls that were willing to go in for it, and we all went uptown to the founding asylum. The matron is a suffragist, thank fortune. I told her to let us have fifty of her sturdiest young orphans right away, thank you. She was a little nervous about it—said she might get into trouble with the authorities if they heard about it, but I assured her that if she lost her job there dad—he is Congressman Brown, you know—would get her something better to do."

We did look pretty impressive, didn't we? I am sure we got more cheers than any other section, and the papers all gave us a big write-up, and said a lot about the pluck of the little suffrage mothers who went through the long march. Well, that's how it happened," Barbara concluded.

Tom gave a mighty sigh of relief. "It certainly is mighty comforting to know that you are senorita after all," he said.

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Ridiculous Superstitions.

Numerous curious and ridiculous superstitions as to methods of preventing disease were believed in years ago, and are not altogether extinct even today. Much ancient faith clustered about the mandrake root, which was carved in the form of a doll, dressed in fine clothes, and kept in a box or coffin concealed in some corner of the house. Each month it was washed in wine and water and freshly garbed. Another universal cure was to carry a piece of mistletoe which had been cut from a tree by a golden sickle and caught in a white vessel as it fell. Metal scraped from a church bell or a piece of the rope was supposed to have a similar protective influence against disease, as also a cloth stained in the blood of a murderer, or the rope with which he was hanged.

Handicapped.

Budding Young Orator—I wish there was somewhere in the house I could deliver my speech.

Wife—No, my dear; you know very well that the last three cooks have left because they thought I was harboring a lunatic.—Judge.

Psychologists Meet.

"Did you seize the psychological moment for selling that man some life insurance?" demanded the efficiency expert of the shebang.

"No; unluckily he seized the psychological moment to escape."—Judge.

INCREASE IN PRICES

Meat Animals Show Advance of
52.7 Per Cent in Year.

Sheep, Lambs and Hogs Have Far Exceeded Beef Cattle, Veal Calves and Chickens in Upward Price Movement.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Prices received by farmers for meat animals showed an increase of 52.7 per cent in a year, according to the latest report to the U. S. department of agriculture. The report for cattle, sheep, and hogs is for the year ending September 15, and for chickens, October 1.

The advance for beef cattle per 100 pounds, live weight, was from \$6.55 to \$8.40, or 28 per cent; for veal calves per 100 pounds, from \$8.77 to \$11.08, or 26 per cent; sheep per 100 pounds, from \$6.25 to \$10.05, or 61 per cent; lambs per 100 pounds, from \$8.22 to \$13.06, or 59 per cent; hogs per 100 pounds, from \$9.22 to \$15.69, or 70 per cent, and chickens, from 14.3 to 18.1 cents per pound, or 27 per cent. Sheep, lambs, and hogs have far exceeded beef cattle, veal calves, and chickens in the upward price movement at the point of production.

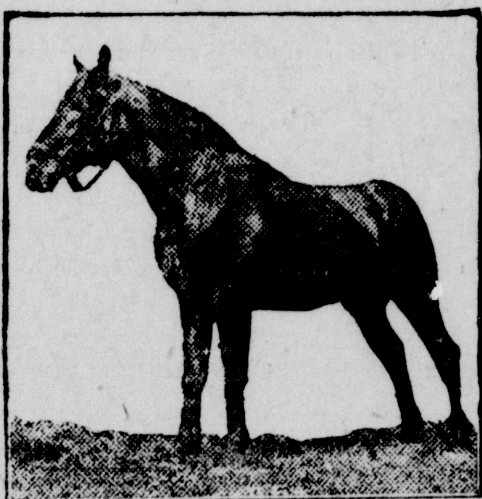
The highest price at the farm per 100 pounds, live weight, reached during the year under review, was \$8.70 for beef cattle in May, \$11.08 for veal calves in last September, \$10.15 for sheep in May, \$13.06 for lambs in last September, \$15.69 for hogs in last September, and 18.1 cents per pound for chickens October 1 of this year. The latest farm price reported is the highest one of the year for veal calves, lambs, hogs, and chickens; the May price was the highest for beef cattle and sheep.

IMPORTANT EFFECT OF WAR

Demand for Horses Has Not Been So Far-Reaching as Great Many Believed, Says Expert.

That the effect of the war on the demand for horses has been important but not so far-reaching as many persons have been led to believe, is the opinion of Dr. C. W. McCampbell, associate professor of animal husbandry in the Kansas State Agricultural college.

"Since the beginning of the war approximately 1,000,000 horses have been exported from the United States," said Doctor McCampbell. "This is a large number when considered in the aggregate, but when compared with the total



Percheron Stallion at Beltsville Farm.

horse population it has not been particularly large—2½ per cent of the whole or one out of every forty horses. "The United States government has not made heavy purchases to date and the latest information from the quartermaster general's office states that only horses from six to ten years old weighing from 950 to 1,350 pounds are being purchased.

"The British demand a neater, smoother, better-made, better-gaited, and sounder horse than the French and have been willing to pay more for their horses. Most of the horses taken have weighed less than 1,400 pounds—a type for which there is very little commercial demand. Marketmen express the opinion that this class of horses would be selling for \$50 per head less were it not for the war demand."

PREVENT DISEASES ON FARM

Loss of Young Animals Can Be Reduced by Cleaning Out Stable and Disinfecting.

A good job for the first rainy day. From 6 to 10 per cent of the young animals are lost each year from such infectious diseases as calf scours, hog cholera, blackleg, contagious abortion, navel ill of sucklings, distemper and other infectious diseases.

Reduce this loss of young animals from infectious diseases by cleaning the stable thoroughly and disinfecting with whitewash to which has been added 2 per cent crude carbolic acid or 5 per cent coal-tar dip. This is easily applied to the walls, ceiling and floors with a spray pump.

FURNISH CHICKENS PURE AIR

Windows of Hen Houses Should Be Kept Open During Middle of Day During Severe Weather.

Open the hen house windows in all except the severest weather, during the middle of the day, so that the sun and air can get in and purify the house and give the fowls plenty of good air to breathe. If they can be made to exercise vigorously while the windows are open, they will not suffer any harm from the cold, even if it is severe, and will be healthy.

PLOWING SCORE CARD

Following is the score card suggested by the Iowa State college for the awarding of points in a plowing contest:

Line of furrow, 15 points. Each furrow straight from end to end.

Back furrow, 10 points. Back slightly raised and all trash covered.

Furrows with uniform top line, 15 points. Furrows without breaks or depressions. Top of furrow may be slightly ridged.

Trash covered, 15 points. Trash not visible in line of furrow.

Width of furrows, 15 points. Uniform as compared with one another.

Depth of furrows, 10 points. Uniform and within the limits specified for the contest.

Ends uniform, 10 points. Plows in and out at guide furrow.

Total, 90 points, which is perfect when no dead furrow is finished.

Dead furrow finished, 10 points.

TO PREVENT NOXIOUS PESTS

Clemson College Bulletin Gives Plan for Destroying Weed Seeds in Barnyard Manure.

(Clemson College Bulletin.)

Barnyard manure may become badly infested with weed seeds on account of hay which contains various kinds of seed being fed to live stock. Too often the land is infested with noxious weeds from this source.

This danger may be overcome, says the agricultural extension division of Clemson college, by keeping manure in piles 6 to 10 feet high from four to six weeks. The heat and fermentation produced in such piles has been found to kill practically all the weed seed with the exception of a few on the surface of the pile. These can also be destroyed by putting the surface manure under the bottom of a new pile. By this method the farmer may safely use the manure from livery stables or such other places.

RUST WEARS OUT MACHINERY

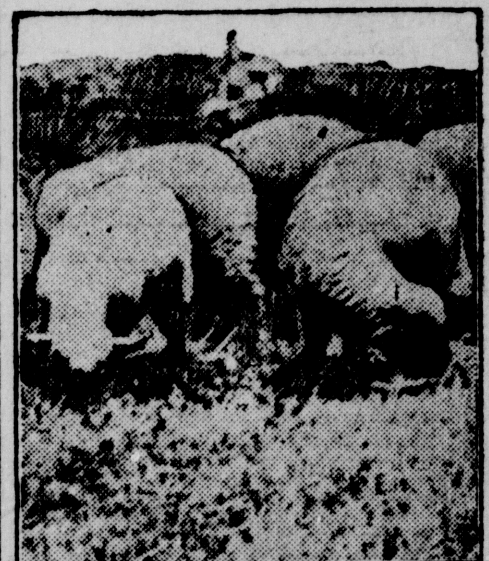
Cost of Farm Implements Can Be Reduced by Making Every Tool Last Much Longer.

The price of farm machinery has been advancing for some time. The cost can be reduced by making every machine last longer. A large proportion of farm machinery wears out too soon because it is not given proper care and attention. More machinery is worn away every year by rust and weather than by service. The life of any machine may be lengthened by protection from weather, good lubrication, and prompt attention to repairs. Farm machinery frequently is left standing in the field throughout the winter. Housing not only protects the implements from rust but leaves them in good condition for use the following season.

BUYING EWES FOR BREEDING

Not Profitable in Starting of Flock to Purchase Old Animals—Adopt Culling System.

Be cautious in buying the breeding ewes. It does not pay in the starting of a flock to buy old ewes. If there is an advantage to be had in getting all there is in animal breeding service, surely it is important in the starting of the flock. It is also important to adopt a system of culling out each year. The same may be applied in the produce of the flock. It is usual to produce some females that are not up to the standard of the flock. Every flock should be bought, bred and culled in view of establishing uniformity in



Splendid Flock of Ewes.

quality and appearance. There is something in personal appearance, even among animals, that is fascinating in the eye of the breeder and admirer.

CROPS DESTROYED BY SMUT

Few Cents' Worth of Formaldehyde and Little Labor Will Save Much Wheat and Rye.

It is estimated that 3½ per cent of the wheat crop and 1 per cent of the rye crop is destroyed by smut. Probably about 27,500,000 bushels less a year on the average. When a few cents' worth of formaldehyde and a little labor will save a man his share of this loss, it is hard to see how he can afford not to go to the trouble rather than lose 35 bushels of his wheat out of every 1,000.

00,000 Men, Women and Children Starved, Robbed, Enslaved or Deported by Turks.

The Hague.—One-half, or 800,000, of the Armenian people who were under Turkish rule at the beginning of the war have been slaughtered or starved to death by Turks, according to an indictment issued here by several influential Hollanders, among whom are A. F. de Savornin Lohman, the Dutch minister of state, and Dr. Anton van Gyn, formerly Dutch minister of finance.

In all, they assert, the Turks have deported 1,200,000 Armenian men, women and children, robbed them of all they possessed, massacred the men, carried off the women and girls to Turkish harems and Kurdish villages, sold the children in the slave market and abandoned the remainder to slow death by starvation.

"This remnant of the Armenian people in Asia Minor," says the statement of these neutrals, "is a starving beggar people, consisting in the main of old men and women and children. The number of children who, separated from their relatives, lie along the caravan routes or wander about the towns like dogs runs into tens of thousands. It is scarcely credible that in the twentieth century the extermination of almost an entire people under such terrible circumstances was possible. But entirely trustworthy evidence of neutral consular officials, of German and Swedish missionaries and teachers is available and puts the matter beyond all doubt."

DOES HER BIT AT 95



Mrs. Thomas Edwards of Oberlin, O., at the age of ninety-five years has supplied her four sons and numerous grandchildren with enough canned stuff from her own garden to supply them for the winter. She did all her garden work except the plowing, and canned her products under the direction of manuals furnished by the national emergency food garden commission.

JANE ADDAMS SEES VISION

Says Sympathies of Women Will Be Developed by Demand of Human Needs.

Washington.—That the sympathies of women will be developed by the tremendous demand of human needs is the opinion of Miss Jane Addams. "The response of women to an international situation which calls for daily, uninteresting, boring, conserving, will re-orientate the notions of what human relations mean," she said in a talk before the national council of women in Washington recently.

"Look beyond the petty details of food saving, and see a vision of the wonderful chance of responding to human needs, feel enlisted in the service of internationalism, while following the routine of conservation," is Miss Addams' message to American women. She is speaking twice a month, in different parts of the country, for the United States food commission.

'FAMILY HISTORY' LOSES SUIT

New York Wife Charging Husband Filrted With Her Sister Is Denied Divorce.

Cold Spring, N. Y.—Justice J. A. Young of the supreme court, denied in Dutchess county an application made by Mrs. W. A. Deyo of Verplank, for a separation from her husband, whom her sister accused of flirting with her.

The justice refused a decree after the plaintiff's sister, Lillian, admitted Mrs. Deyo was the fourth of their family to bring marital actions, two sisters having received divorces and two having sued for separations.

The plaintiff's sister declared that on two occasions when she called on Mrs. Deyo, Mr. Deyo forced his attention on her and made proposals to her. Mr. Deyo absolutely denied the accusations of the sister-in-law, who was divorced some time ago from her husband, and he won the action.

LOCAL NEWS

NEW DENVER SCHEDULE

NORTH BOUND		SOUTH BOUND	
Arrive at Decatur			
No. 3, 11:17 a.m.		No. 8, 5:06 a.m.	
No. 7, 12:45 a.m.		No. 4, 5:12 p.m.	
Leave — Ft. Worth — Arrive			
No. 3, 9:40 a.m.		No. 8, 6:45 a.m.	
No. 7, 11:05 p.m.		No. 4, 6:45 p.m.	
Amarillo			
No. 3, 11:25 p.m.		No. 8, 5:50 p.m.	
No. 7, 6:00 p.m.		No. 4, 5:45 a.m.	
Arrive — Denver — Leave			
No. 7, 7:00 a.m.		No. 8, 11:30 p.m.	

Mrs. J. J. Ingram has returned from a visit to Carrollton.

Attorney Frank J. Ford attended court in Montague this week.

Nat Davis was here this week from Bowie.

Wiley Smith and Tom Barksdale of Chico were in the city this week. Dr. John Embry is spending the winter in Los Angeles, Calif.

Our busines is pressing. How about your suit. Riddle & Williams, 1dpt. phone 93, West Mainstreet.

Singing at New South Sunday afternoon. Everybody invited to come and have a pleasant afternoon.

The City National Bank of Decatur will gladly fill all orders for thrift stamps and war-saving certificates.

C. R. Terry, an old citizen of this section, died at his home north of town Tuesday morning after an illness of forty-nine days. The funeral services and burial took place at Cottonwood Wednesday. Mr. Terry was 72 years old, and had lived here for many years. He was well known over the section as a true christian and honorable citizen. He served in the Confederate army with honor. He leaves a wife and several children, besides a host of friends to mourn his death.

We do all kinds of alterations and cleaning. Riddle & Williams, West Main street.

The senior class of the Southern Methodist University elected Hiram Monroe Helm vice president of the class. This splendid young man is one of the most popular and best liked students in the University.

Bill Woody, one of the old time citizens of Wise county, but for the past several years a citizen of Fort Worth died at his home in that city Tuesday. The remains were brought to the Deep Creek cemetery and interred Thursday. A large number of sorrowing friends and relatives accompanied the body to the grave.

The Decatur National Farm Loan Association will meet in the county court room Saturday, Jan. 19th. Every member requested to be present. J. D. TAYLOR, Pres. W. P. THURMOND, Sec.-Treas.

Go out to the Majestic tonight and enjoy a pleasant evening. The best pictures are shown here, and the house is comfortable.

For the best tailor work, try Riddle & Williams, Ind. phone 93, West Main street.

Mrs. M. A. Gibson, formerly of this city, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Rhea, in Amarillo last Tuesday morning. The remains were brought to Decatur for interment in the city cemetery. The funeral services were held at the residence of T. J. Dillehay Wednesday afternoon. For many years Mrs. Gibson was a citizen of Decatur, and the news of her death was a shock to her many friends in this community. She was a devoted christian and a splendid woman of many noble deeds. She leaves three children, Bob Gibson of Chico, Lon Gibson of Oklahoma, and Mrs. Fred Rhea of Amarillo.

JIM BOOTH IS CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER

Jim Booth, one of the best known citizens of this community, is a candidate for commissioner of precinct 1 and 6. Jim Booth has been here too long and is too well known to the people to need any introduction by the Messenger. He is known for his honesty and square dealing; his energy and community pride. If he is elected to the office he will use good sense and ability in looking after the interests of the people. He will appreciate your support.

Don't miss seeing "The Seven Pearls at the Majestic Saturday afternoon and night.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

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TO TRADE for residence in Decatur —35 acre farm 3 miles of Decatur. See T. L. Ball, Decatur.

LOST

LOST or Stolen out of Albert Pavillard's auto the 4th of January, one black leather hand purse, contents 1 small pocket purse with something over two dollars in it; 2 rings, 1 large opal and one ruby, 5 cents worth of chewing gum, 6 large pearl buttons, some hair pins, 1 alluminum thimble, 1 powder puff. Finder will please return to MRS. E. SPENCER and receive reward.

LOST—One bay and one brown horse; branded turkey track on left fore shoulder; reward. RECTOR & DILLEHAY, Decatur, Texas.

\$5.00 REWARD—Lost, near Decatur, Texas, one black leather grip; contained one leather comb and brush case, four boxes of shells, one collar box, one suit of underwear, one shirt and one suit of pajamas. Will pay \$5.00 for return of same to J. E. R. Chilton, 406 Linz Bldg., Dallas, Tex. or to W. L. Dallas, Decatur, Texas.

WANTED

SALESMEN WANTED—to solicit orders for lubricating oils, greases and paints. Salary or commission. Address THE HARVEY OIL CO., Cleveland, O.

WANTED—100 wood choppers; will pay \$1.25 per cord. See Miss Stroud on the old C. C. Bell place, 6 miles west of Decatur.

WANTED—Wood choppers, to clear land and cut cord wood. Must have tent.—D. O. LAWSON, Rte. 1, 4 miles east Paradise.

WANTED—Position as assistant housekeeper by MRS. J. J. DEEVER, Route 6, Decatur. Can furnish good reference.

WANTED—Wood choppers, to clear land and cut wood.—T. B. BOYD, Rt 5, Decatur.

FOR SALE

ELEVEN ACRES, close in. See J. N. CRABTREE at McAnears.

FARM FOR SALE—87 acres, 6 miles southwest of Decatur; good peanut land; nice 3 room house; good orchard; 1 mile of good school; \$20 per acre.—AB MOORE at McAnear's Grocery.

WELL IMPROVED 60 acre farm to trade for residence in Decatur. See T. L. BLAIR, Decatur.

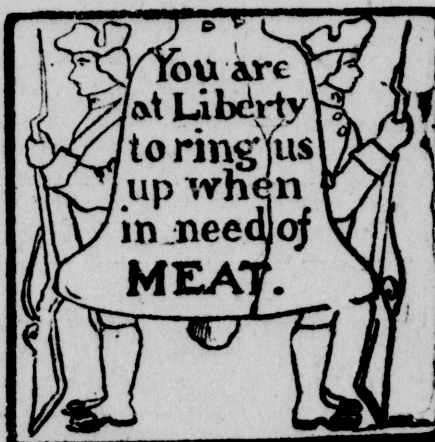
FOR SALE—My residence in Decatur; 5 rooms; all modern conveniences; windmill. JACK MOSS. Apply to J. H. Cates.

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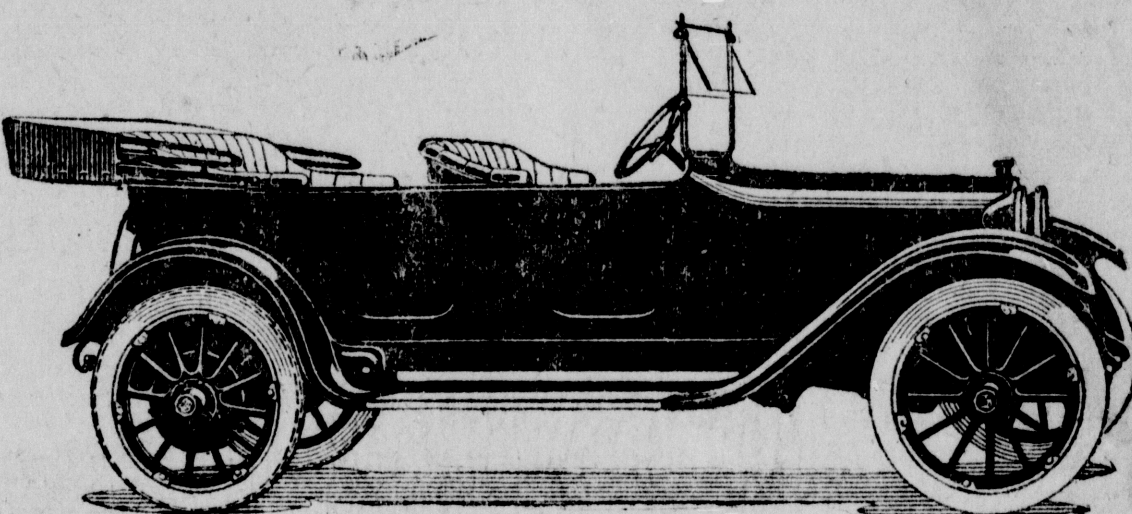
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All boys' \$8.50 suits now	\$6.45
All boys' \$7.50 suits now	5.95
All boys' \$6.00 suits now	4.95
All boys' \$5.00 suits now	3.95
All boys' \$3.50 suits now	2.95

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\$5.00 Rain Coats now	4.25
\$6.00 Rain Coats now	4.95
\$7.50 Rain Coats Now	\$5.95
\$10.00 Rain Coats now	6.75
\$12.50 Rain Coats now	9.95
\$15.00 Rain Coats now	11.95

Men's Stetson Hats Reduced

\$6.50 Stetson Hats reduced to	\$5.45
\$6.00 Stetson Hats reduced to	4.95
\$5.00 Stetson Hats reduced to	4.45
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\$6.00 Packard Shoes at	\$4.95
\$5.00 Star Brand Shoes at	\$4.45
\$4.50 Star Brand Shoes at	\$3.95
\$4.00 Star Brand Shoes at	\$3.45
\$3.00 Star Brand Shoes at	\$2.45

For Boys

\$4.00 Boys' shoes at	\$3.45
\$3.50 Boys' shoes at	\$2.95
\$3.00 Boys' shoes at	\$2.45
\$2.75 Boys' shoes at	\$2.45
\$2.50 Boys' shoes at	\$2.25

For Women

\$7.00 shoes on sale at	\$7.45
\$6.00 shoes on sale at	\$5.95
\$5.00 shoes on sale at	\$5.45
\$4.00 shoes on sale at	\$4.45
\$3.00 shoes on sale at	\$3.45

For Misses & Children

\$4.00 shoes on sale at	\$4.45
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\$3.50 blouses on sale at only	2.95

Misses' and Children's Wash Dresses

\$3.50 dresses now	\$2.95
\$3.00 dresses now	2.45
\$2.50 dresses now	1.95
\$1.75 dresses now	1.45
\$1.50 dresses now	\$1.25
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All Woolens at Clearance Prices

\$2.00 woolen dress goods	\$1.65
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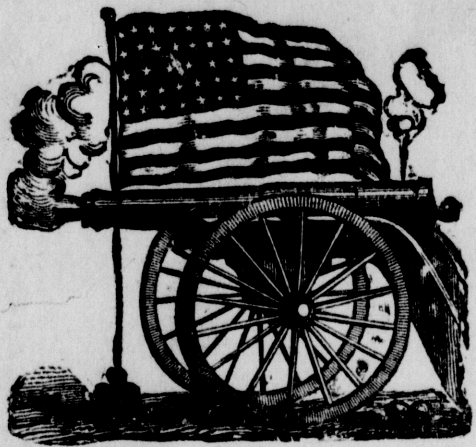
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For County Judge: L. D. RATLIFF, W. D. PASCHALL.
For Sheriff: W. M. WORKMAN, WALTER MALONE.
For County Attorney: J. V. PATTERSON, M. W. BURCH.
For Tax Collector: J. T. BARKSDALE.
For County Clerk: CARL FAITH, BEDFORD C. DAVIS.
For County Treasurer: LORY D. WHITE.
For County Superintendent: B. F. ROE.
For District Clerk: CHAS. B. BREEDLOVE, ALBERT L. MADDEX.
For Public Weigher, Prec. 1: JESS DAVENPORT.
For Public Weigher, Prec. 5: HAS TATUM, JESSE LISBY.
For Commissioner Prec. 1 and 6: BRYSON WILLIAMSON, JIM BOOTH, J. L. JEFFRIES.

CITY ELECTION

For City Marshal: W. B. EVANS

DO THEY WANT SMOKES?

Here is a message Arthur Guy Empey, an American sends, you. Empey has been in the thick of the big war. Wounded he returned to America and wrote "Over the Top," of which more copies have been sold than of any war book published in three years. Thousands of Americans have crowded halls to hear Empey tell of his experiences "Over There."

I had been slightly wounded in an attack on the German lines, and had been sent to the base hospital at Rouen. The bed next to mine was empty. The sheets were turned down, the pillow was missing and a rubber sheet was laid across the center of the bed, the ends of which were neatly tucked under the mattress. It was my first time in a hospital, but even to me, a recruit, it seemed that the bed was specially prepared, was waiting for some special case. I was right. It was. In the bed to my left was a Jock, Scotch from the Fifteenth Royal Scots, or "Ladies from Hell," as this particular Highland regiment was lovingly called by Fritz, our neighbor across No Man's Land. This Jock had lost his left foot from a shell burst. I asked him why the bed was made up in such a peculiar manner. He told me that the occupant a Canadian, was up in the pictures "operating room, having both hands amputated at the wrist, and also that the Canadian was blind, caused by the explosion of a bomb while raiding the German trenches.

In about half an hour four white clothed orderlies came down the ward carrying a stretcher. In the wake of the stretcher came a Red Cross nurse. They halted before the unoccupied bed on my right. Then I marveled at the efficiency and gentle way in which the wounded man transferred

from the stretcher to the bed. The "undertaker's squad" left, but the Red Cross nurse sat beside her patient, every now and then shooting a fly away from the bandaged head, or using a piece of gauze bandage to wipe away the white froth which constantly oozed from the half opened lips of the bandaged form.

In a short time the ether began to die out, and the frothy lips twitched. Then a sigh, and the man began to sing, not "God Save the King" or "The Maple Leaf Forever," but "Never introduce A Bloke to Your Lady Friend."

Pretty soon this tune changed to shouts of "Ammo (ammunition) Ammo! Ammo! Forward!" You could hear him all over the ward. The nurse started to sing a crooning little lullaby. The shouting ceased. Further twitching and twisting, and the ether was expelled into an ever-ready little receptacle held in the hand of the nurse. In a few minutes rays of consciousness penetrated to the brain of the wounded man and he started to mutter:

Turn on the lights; it's dark, it's dark. I can't see. It's dark, dark, dark. Take that damned pillow off my head. It's dark, dark, I tell you. What's the matter with my mits? They're tied; cobblestone on them. Where am I, Smokey? This dug-out's dark. Switch on the glim."

The nurse was talking to him in a low voice and crooning her lullaby. My God, how that girl could sing! It was not long before the blinded soldier was asleep. He slept for three hours, the nurse beside him. Not for a second did she leave her post. I inwardly wished that the patient would sleep for hours longer. The presence of that nurse made me feel happy and contented all over.

The form on the bed stirred, and then in a plaintive voice: "Where am I? Where am I? Where am I? Turn on the lights! Turn on the lights!"

The sun was streaming through the window.

The nurse was crying. So was I. The Jock on my left was softly cursing to himself.

The angle of mercy leaned over her patient and in a low voice whispered to him:

"Never mind dearie; you are in the hospital and will soon be in Blighty for a nice long rest."

The Canadian's mouth twitched. I thought he was going to cry. It was a pretty mouth, but the lips were bleached to a bluish white.

He asked the nurse, "What time is it?" She answered, "Three o'clock, dearie. Try to go to sleep; you will feel better soon."

The Canadian asked in a piteous voice, "Why is it so dark?" Then he shouted in a terror-stricken voice, "I know! I know! They've put my lights out! Good God, I'm blind! I'm blind! My eyes are gone—gone, gone—!" And his voice died out in a long sob.

Three doctors came through and held a low-voiced consultation. Two of them left, one stayed.

The Jock whispered to me: "Poor bloke! He's going west; I know the signs."

The dying man began to mutter. The nurse bent over him. She had a writing pad and a pencil in her hand. She whispered to him: "Dearie, the mail is going out. Do you want me to write a note home to the folks—just a short note telling them that you're alright and will be with them in a couple of months."

The patient answered: "Home? Folks? I never had any since I was a kid. Home! God, I wish I had one!"

The writing pad in the nurse's hand was wet. The bandage on my shoulder was wet. Perhaps the blood was soaking through. But blood is red.

The voice of the wounded man again: "I want—want—I want a—"

The nurse: "What do you want boy? What can I get for you—a nice cool drink?"

The answer came back: "A drink? Hell, no; I want a smoke! Where's my makings? I want a fag—a

ke—a smoke." She looked at the doctor. He nodded. She left the patient and came over to me. "Have you a cigarette, my dear, for that poor boy? We are all out—have not received any for ten days. If the people at home only realized what a Godsend tobacco is for these poor wounded lads they would send them over. They are as important as shells."

I told her to look in my kit bag. She looked through it and found one, all out of shape—a Goldflake. I think it was the only smoke left in that ward of 69 patients.

With joy in her eyes she went back to her patient, gently putting the cigarette between his lips and lighted it.

A contented sigh, two or three weak puffs and the lighted cigarette fell out of his mouth on the sheet. He was asleep.

It was getting late. I fell asleep. When I woke up it was morning. The bed on my right was empty. The nurses in the ward had red eyes. They had been crying.

I turned an inquiring gaze to the Jock on my left. He solemnly nodded and his mouth twitched. I thought he was going to cry, but suddenly he looked at me, tears in his eyes, and said, "Ah, go to hell!" and turned over on his side.

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Every thrift stamp is a nail in the kaiser's coffin! Buy some today.

The Wise County Messenger has installed a typesetting machine and putting on a few airs as a consequence. Good bye Dick, and you'll wonder how you ever got along without it.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

The army has no machine guns because the ordinance experts have been apart for years on the type to be used, which recalls the man who died of sleeplessness sitting on the side of his bed with a nightshirt in each hand, but unable to make up his mind which one to put on.—Kansas City Star.

Just a reminder:—If you expect to vote next year you must make connection with a poll tax receipt within thirteen days. Of course there is plenty of time, but there won't be if you put the matter off for twenty days. There is sure to be somebody you'll want to sociate at the ballot box.

As an example of scientific farming, a Kansas farmer harvested one hundred bushels of grass hoppers last summer, dried them and fed a big bunch of chickens on them during the winter.—Jacksboro News.

Wise county is "a bit strange" in some ways. For instance the people of Chico banded together and bought Editor Whitehead of the Review a new suit of clothes for a Christmas remembrance.—Denton Record and Chronicle.

Jerusalem is at last in Christian hands, and the preaching of Peter, the Hermit, has been vindicated. During the twelve hundred years in which it has been in the hands of the Moslem it would be hard to estimate the lives sacrificed in the attempt to wrest it from him. It should never again be desecrated by his presence, to say nothing of his control. The Holy City should revert to its rightful owners, and the entire territory of Palestine with it. They should have a free hand in rebuilding a Jewish nation if they so will.—Bellvue Times.

Gen. Leonard Wood says: When they go over the top let them go as clean men, to win, and when they come back to wield the great influence they are bound to exercise in our nation's affairs after the war, let them return as clean men. Don't let them go abroad roting with disease, despondent and suicidally inclined, depressing their comrades. The men in uniform are as domestic and decent as others. And the uniform they wear is as deserving of respect as the robes of a bishop. All who are fit to be citizens will have to go forth to this war. And many of them will not come back. We are passing through the valley of the shadow of death. Our cattle and grain are not now for profit—they are life. We must work as never before. We will not realize fully until the casualty lists begin to come what we are up against in reality.

HOE, EVERYONE WHO KNITS.

Wellesley girls are forestalling the malady called 'knitting nerves,' now said to be making inroads upon the ranks of too assiduous knitters, by making extensive plans to undertake food gardening at the very first sign of spring. The head of the depart-

ment of botany of the college has proclaimed the doctrine that the hoe is mightier than the knitting needle. It is likely to prove at any rate, a pleasing interlude and an effective antidote for "nerves" of any kind. The large number of women, young, middle-aged, and old, who found inspiration in the lighter work of their gardens last season is likely to increase in 1918. Vassar girls, who were first in the field at the outset of the home garden movement, made a success of their work, and the students in several women's colleges have asked their trustees to turn college land over to willing workers.—Portland Oregonian.

A FEW MORE MONTHS YET.

There are over five million automobiles in the world, and all but some 700,000 are found in this country. And a goodly supply of the autos in Europe have been manufactured in the United States. These figures are startling, and give us a proper idea why in the manufacture of aeroplane motors, in which most of our auto factories are now engaged there is no possible chance of Germany equalling our output. Add to this that in all warring countries feverish energy is being shown in airplane building, and that seven-eighths of an airplane is its motor. In Germany nearly all piano factories have been put to work making airplanes, but they depend to a great extent on hand labor for making delicate parts, which in our country are made by machinery. It is comparatively easy for an army in trenches to hold back another, but the army of the air, which must decide the war, cannot be resisted in such manner.

Within a few months we shall hear of several thousand airplanes leaving the allied camp before daylight, and attacking troop and ammunition trains of the Germans, destroying their communications, and leaving the men in the front trenches helpless.

Then the invasion of Germany will begin in good earnest, and the Hun will deeply regret his own ruthlessness which is coming back home to him with interest.—Quannah Observer.

See the Seven Pearls at the Majestic every Saturday afternoon and night. It features the All-Star actors and actresses, Molly King, Leon Barry and Creighton Hale.

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A Grippe Epidemic

Every winter Health Boards warn against this weakening disease which often strikes those who are least prepared to resist it. You should strengthen yourself against grippe by taking

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which is the cream of cod liver oil, refined, purified and so skillfully prepared that it enriches the blood streams, creates reserve strength and fortifies the lungs and throat. Don't delay—It may mean much.

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ALVORD.

and Mrs. B. C. Shulkey were in Decatur Saturday.

and Mrs. G. O. Karr of Petro-
spent last week in Alvord.

Jim B. Thomas made a business
trip to Newcastle this week.

T. H. Farmer was here from D.
B. C. Sunday.

Rev. Dana of Fort Worth filled his
pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday.

Miss Beulah Hatchett of Wichita
Falls visited her mother here.

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Matthews were
here from Jacksboro a few days.

Mrs. B. T. Brite is dangerously ill.
All her children have been with her.

There is quite an epidemic of
measels here, some seventy-five or
more cases reported.

Miss Beulah Hollabaugh was at
home from Fort Worth a few days.

The Terrell Collins merchantile
business was sold this week, J. R.
Rhyne buying the furniture and un-
dertakers goods, Phillips & Adcock
the groceries, and Speer & Walker
the dry goods.

A great deal of buying and sell-
ing of real estate has been done the
past two months, and property val-
ues enhanced very much.

A report has reached Alvord that
Dr. J. H. Walker is on his way home
from France.

PRESKITT

utter Mallard and family are
going to this community from Sli-
We all welcome them to their
home.

There was no school at Preskitt
Friday on account of the cold weath-
er.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins entertained
the young people with a party Tues-
day night. At present report an en-
joyable time.

The good people of this communi-
ty this week gathered and made val-
uable improvements at the home of
Mrs. A. D. Jones. Just as soon as
the weather will permit, Mrs. Jones
will move to her place.

Mr. Earl Neal and Miss Martha
Crowder were married Sunday even-
ing 4 o'clock at Decatur, Rev. T.
officiating. We wish this
young couple much happiness.

There was no school at Preskitt
Friday on account of the cold weath-
er.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins entertained
with a party Tuesday night.

Mr. Frank Collins, Eddie Mooney
and Arthur Burnes were in Decatur
Saturday.

BEN BUTLER IS VINDICATED IN USE OF WAR BALLOONS

If Ben Butler were alive today he
would have a lot of satisfaction in
reading the reports from the battle
front, says the Columbus Dispatch.
He would certainly smile in satis-
faction when he read of the uses of
the captive balloon, and the number
of men now employed, for he was
the first man to employ a balloon for
observation purposes and he was
killed from one end of the coun-
try to the other.

What was early in the civil war.
Butler had often seen a man in a
balloon on Boston Commons, and it
occurred to him that it would be a
good thing to employ him in making
observations. So, he went to Bos-
ton for the balloonist, one John La-
Mountain, and had him go up in the
balloon and make a report. La Moun-
tain did so at Fortress Monroe, and
here is the first record ever made of
an observation from the skies:

Height 1400 feet; in the rear of
the battery on Sewell Point obscured
by the water side by trees, is a
tract upon which I counted 52
besides 6 bush tents in the
I could distinctly see Tanner's
but could not observe any ap-
pearance of work progressing in that
direction. For twenty miles I could
distinctly see the James river, but
could not discover any movements
on it. I could not discover any
movements beyond Newport News
the direction of Yorktown, ex-
cept about half way from the Beth-
lehem and Yorktown, I could see
all cluster of tents.

There is no further record of ob-
servations, but a bill for \$1,212.93
was sent up the whole govern-
ment. Butler and his bal-
loonist, the laughing stock of
the country. Fifty
however, the United
States government spends more than
\$100 for aircraft with which
to fight the enemy, for all the world
mountain saw him.

RHOME.

A cold norther, accompanied by
sleet, has prevailed here since Sun-
day night. This has been the cold-
est weather experienced in this sec-
tion of the country for many years.
The snow will be of great benefit to
wheat.

The Citizen Merchantile Co. has
put in a new stock of dry goods and
groceries in the building recently oc-
cupied by W. J. and B. W. Logan.

Mrs. W. W. Morris has returned
home from a visit to her mother,
Mrs. M. F. Davis at Slaton, Okla.

Miss Nona George has accepted a
position with the Merchantile Co.

Mrs. Bessie Franklin has been con-
fined to her room for the past week
suffering with a serious attack of
asthma.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mc-
Curdy, Jan. 5th, a girl.

J. W. Greer, who formerly lived
two miles west of Rhome, but for
the past few years a resident of
Fort Worth, died in Fort Worth last
Tuesday at the home of his son, O.
C. Greer.

Misses Appleton and Hudnall of
Waxahachie, are visiting Mr. and
Mrs. Chas. Hudnall.

Mrs. S. P. Morris has returned
home after an extended visit with
relatives at San Antonio and Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Onis Finlayson were
Decatur visitors this week.

C. C. Leonard is confined to his
home.

Miss Lenis Looney is visiting her
sister, Mrs. Marvin Holt.

Miss Anna Bobo, who has been in
the Baptist sanitarium at Dallas for
the past five weeks with typhoid fe-
ver is reported much improved.

Mrs. N. G. Holt is recovering from
a recent attack of grip.

Charley Morris left last Wednes-
day for Clarendon.

The Red Cross auxiliary has one
hundred and sixty-nine members and
new ones continue to join.

The ladies' knitting class is knit-
ting sweaters and mufflers, while
other work is being done by the
Rhhome auxiliary.

SOME POTATO PARINGS

Good seed potatoes, free of
blight and rot, are always worth
saving for one's own future
crop, or to supply others.

Feed the cull potatoes to the
hogs. Cook the potatoes thor-
oughly and mix with cornmeal,
shorts or bran. Skim milk is a
good addition.

Grading potatoes for market
increases the possibilities of
sales and raises the price re-
ceived. Keep the culls on the
farms and save the cost of haul-
ing.

Potatoes add succulence to the
dairy ration. Where corn silage
is not available and there are
plenty of small potatoes, a peck
a day will give a marked in-
crease in the milk flow. They
should be introduced into the
ration gradually, and should be
run through a root cutter to
avoid the possibility of choking
the animal.—United States De-
partment of Agriculture.

CROP TO PRECEDE ALFALFA

Ohio Experiment Station Recommends
Potatoes, Since Soil Is Usually
Well Fertilized.

For sections where early potatoes
succeed, the Ohio experiment station
recommends this crop as one of the
best to precede alfalfa, since the land
is usually well fertilized and manured,
and frequent cultivation kills nearly
all weeds before alfalfa is seeded.
The potatoes can be harvested for late
July and early August alfalfa seed-
ings, and a good seedbed can be pre-
pared merely by disking and harrow-
ing.

Field peas have also been found
satisfactory when cut for hay as a
preparatory crop for alfalfa. Such
midsummer seedings of alfalfa have
been found by the experiment station
more satisfactory than spring seed-
ing in oats or barley. Most alfalfa
failures are attributed to competition
with weeds and to nurse crops that
provide excessive shade and leave too
little moisture and plant food for the
young alfalfa.

ATTENTION GIVEN TO TOOLS

But One Plow Out of Four Ever
Wears Out, the Other Three Rust
Out—How About Yours?

How about the farm tools you used
this last season? Are they all in the
shed protected from the weather? Have
the polished parts been covered
with grease so they won't rust? If not
wouldn't this coming week be a good
time to round them up and put them

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

First State Bank

BOONSVILLE, TEXAS

At close of business Dec. 31, 1917

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 24,731 81
Overdrafts	210 29
Real estate (banking house)	800 00
Furniture and fixtures	1,000 00
Due from approved re-	
serve agents, net	24,198 12
Due from other banks and	
bankers, subject to	
check, net	9,920 03
Cash items	588 33
Currency	4,631 00
Specie	1,275 43
Interest in deposi-	
tor's guaranty fund	349 61
Other resources—Liberty	
bonds, school vouch-	
ers	705 00
TOTAL	\$68,409 62

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$10,000 00
Surplus fund	5,000 00
Undivided profits, net	1,768 72
Individual deposits, sub-	
ject to check, net	51,642 90
TOTAL	\$68,409 62

State of Texas, County of Wise,
We, S. W. Holley, as president, and
K. A. Osburn, as cashier of said
bank, each of us do solemnly swear
that the above statement is true to the
best of our knowledge and belief. S.
W. Holley, President. K. A. Osburn,
Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 12th day of Jan., 1918. J. W.
Carson, Notary Public, Wise County,
Texas.

Correct Attest: S. W. Holley, Jas.
Wimberly, K. A. Osburn, Directors.

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away? A neighbor told me Sunday
that he used the same gang plow for
14 years, says a writer in an ex-
change. He had it in the shed when
not in use. This kind of care relieves
him from worrying about the high
cost of steel tools for next year as
none of his tools are rusting out. One
plow out of four wears out—the other
three rust out. Is yours the one?

Official Statement of the

First State Bank

At Park Springs, Tex. at the Close of
Business December 31, 1917.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, per-	
sonal or collateral	\$27,492.15
Overdrafts	113.00
Bonds and stocks (Cot-	
ton and panuts)	33,036.90
Real estate (Banking	
house)	1,200.00
Other real estate	1,375.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,200.00
Due from approved reserve	
agents	49,390.35
Due from other banks and	
bankers, subject to check	
net	4,338.85
Cash items	195.79
Currency	5,972.00
Specie	1,003.45
Interest in Guaranty fund	365.91
Total	\$125,683.40

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund	1,000.00
Individual deposits	110,392.74
Cashier's checks	414,741
Other liabilities, (pea-	
nuts)	143.25
TOTAL	\$125,683.40

State of Texas, County of Monta-
gue.
We, John B. Hunt, as president,
and T. L. Davis as cashier of said
bank, each of us solemnly swear
that the above statement is true to
the best of our knowledge and be-
lief.
JOHN B. HUNT, President.
T. L. DAVIS, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 14th day of January, A. D.
1918.
H. MOSS, Notary Public in and
for Montague County, Texas.
CORRECT ATTEST:
C. E. BROWN,
J. M. HUCAKEE,
Z. B. SHUBERT, Directors.

H. S. Ford of Rhhome, was here
Tuesday.

Renew your subscription to the
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only for renewals. Regular price is
\$1.50 per year.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

First State Bank

DECATUR, TEXAS

At the Close of Business Dec. 31, 1917

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 293,053 29
Loans, real estate	3,335 00
Overdrafts	814 63
Bonds and stocks Liberty bds	4,196 00
Bills of exchange	35,000 00
Internal Revenue stamps	51 00
Furniture and fixtures	3,250 00
Due from approved reserve	
agents, net	99,771 75
Due from other banks and	
bankers, subject to check,	
net	174 66
Cash items	323 71
Currency	7,978 00
Specie	3,622 15
Int. in depositors' guaranty	
fund	1,947 41
Other resources	
Total	\$ 453,517 60

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	8,000 00
Undivided profits, net	1,506 21
Due to banks and bankers,	
subject to check, net	35,217 93
Individual deposits subject	
to check	336,142 91
Time certificates of deposit	20,195 00
Cashier's checks	999 70
Reserved for taxes	1,455 85
Total	\$ 453,517 60

State of Texas, County of Wise.—
We, Guinn Williams as president,
and E. P. Gibson as cashier of said
bank, each of us, do solemnly swear
that the above statement is true to
the best of our knowledge and belief.
Guinn Williams, President; E. P.
Gibson, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 11th day of Jan. 1918. R. L.
Thompson, Notary Public, Wise
county, Texas.

Correct attest: J. H. Mecaskey, J.
A. Simmons, A. Y. Leslie, Direc-
tors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

First State Bank

NEWARK, TEXAS

At the Close of Business Dec. 31, 1917

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$ 67,069 09
Overdrafts	61 47
Bonds and Stocks	1,000 00
Real estate, banking house	1,200 00
Furniture and fixtures	668 85
Due from approved reserve	
agents, net	34,696 37
Due from other banks and	
bankers subject to check	
net	232 49
Cash items	60 00
Currency	6,584 00
Specie	1,588 63
Int. in depositors' guaranty	
fund	428 91
Other resources as follows:	
School vouchers	61 75
Total	\$ 113,651 56

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000 00
Surplus fund	2,500 00
Undivided profits, net	4,152 02
Individual deposits subject	
to check	94,682 82
Cashier's checks	216 72
Time certificates	2,100 00
Total	\$ 113,651 56

State of Texas, County of Wise.—
We, R. A. Hudson as president, and
W. H. Doyle as cashier of said bank,
each of us, do solemnly swear that
the above statement is true to the best
of our knowledge and belief. R. A.
Hudson, President; W. H. Doyle,
Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 12th day of January, 1918,
Edgar Procter, notary public, Wise
county, Texas.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The First National Bank

At Rhome, in the State of Texas, at
the Close Business on Dec 31, 1917

RESOURCES	
1 a Loans and discounts	\$76,773 11
2 Overdrafts unsecured	827 97
U S bonds and certificates	
of indebtedness owned and	
unpledged	50,000 00
6 Liberty bonds	2,000 00
9 Stock of Federal Reserve	
Bank (50 per cent of Sub.	
10 a Value of banking house	800 00
	1,700
b Equity in banking house	1,700 00
11 Furniture and fixtures	1,500 00
13 Lawful Reserve with Fed-	
eral Reserve Bank	16,086 80
15 Cash in vault and net	
amount due from nat'l banks	93,116 29
Checks on other	
banks	93,116 29
Total	\$242,804 17

LIABILITIES	
23 Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000 00
25 Surplus fund	4,000 00
26 a Undiv'd profits	209 51
Amount reserved for taxes	
accrued	541 16
34 Individual deposits subject	
to check	210,053 50
Dividends unpaid	3,000 00
Total	\$242,804 17

State of Texas, County of Wise.—
I, A. C. Alexander, cashier of the
above named bank, do solemnly
swear that the above statement is true to
the best of my knowledge and belief. A.
C. Alexander, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 30th day of Nov, 1917. A. B.
Vannester, Notary Public.
Correct attest—W. W. Morris, Z.
B. Bobo, J. H. Rowan, Directors.

Every Saturday afternoon and
night you will see the great serial,
"The Seven Pearls." This is one of
the best stories that has ever been
depicted on the screen in Decatur.

MAXWELL

Most Miles per Gallon • Most Miles on tires

Economize Wisely —A Maxwell Car Will Help

Waste is often committed when the in-
tention is to economize.

A Maxwell car, famous for its economy,
will cost you only a few dollars a month to
operate and maintain.

Which is the real economy:

(1) To use the car and
save time, strength, and
mental vigor?

(2) To do without the
car, lose time in your busi-
ness, lose the health gained
from motoring, and worry
yourself into illness?

Use of a Maxwell car will give you self
confidence.

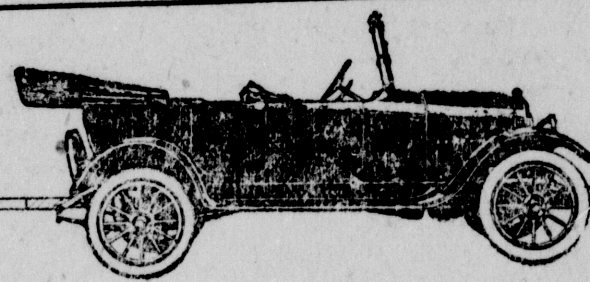
Your neighbors and associates will get
mental inspiration from you.

As wave circles widen when a pebble hits
the water, so will your good example bene-
fit your entire community.

Save—yes; but do it sensibly, and let the
Maxwell help.

Touring Car \$745; Roadster \$745; Coupe \$1095
Berline \$1095; Sedan with Wire Wheels \$1195
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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Chico State Bank

CHICO, TEXAS,

At the close of business, Dec. 31, 1917

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$29,847 45
Overdrafts.....	433 82
Bonds and stocks.....	2,000 00
Realstate (banking house)	1,250 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,635 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net.....	113,035 50
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check.....	24,327 66
Cash items.....	2,566 88
Currency.....	7,558 00
Specie.....	2,419 00
Interest in and Assessment for	
Dep. Guaranty Fund.....	1,694 25
Other resources as follows:	
Assessment for Guaranty Fund, Bills of Ex. & Pea.	42,145 75
TOTAL.....	\$228,913 33

News of Town and County

TOM BARKSDALE CANDIDATE FOR TAX COLLECTOR

J. T. (Tom) Barksdale of Chico, announces this week as a candidate for tax collector of Wise county. Mr. Barksdale is well and favorably known over the county as a man of strict integrity and business ability. He has resided in the county 33 years, and has proven one of our most successful farmers. He is experienced in the duties of the tax collector's office, having worked under Mr. Dickson for some time, and he is fully qualified for the place. He asks your support in the coming primary election.

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL.

Fourth Grade.—Chas. Allen Cates, Jimmie Dickson, Stella Johnson, Lois Walker, Sylvia Reiger, Marcile Ball, Lola Bell Fowler, Jennie Bess Hoyl, Bernice Maiden, Pearl McBroom, Jewel Pounds, Ruth Reeves, Viola Fowler, Ted Smith.

Fifth Grade.—Ralph Hoyl, Rosebud Corley, Johnnie Dickson, Naoma Mann, Ada Askey, Edna Mae Boyd, Kathrine Burch, Winnie Alexander, Alta Mae Hilton, Lois Hughes, Bernice Kerr, Lewis Pounds.

Sixth Grade.—John Ford, Chas. Maiden, Willie Ratliff, Clyde Gilbert, Josephine Brandenburg, Jacobina Burch Ruby Ola Gilliland, Helen Hoyl, Opal Tarlton, Eunice Walker, Faye Walker.

Seventh Grade.—Mary Ruth Muncey, Lucile Pickett, Anna Ruth Milligan, Edith Taggart, Hale Cates.

Eighth Grade.—Annie Mae Rosenberg, Cleo Ross, Ruth Gilliland, Mary Ruth Matthews.

Ninth Grade.—Lorene St. Clair, Nellie Shoemaker, Walter Gilliland, Annita Patterson.

Tenth Grade.—Dewey Walker, H. More Frazer, Clarena Jones, Merle Witt, Myra Montgomery, Gladys Splawn.

COLLEGE NOTES.

No games have as yet been announced, but the basketball practice is going on in dead earnest. It is reported that Aubrey Foster will play on the team this year.

Lawrence Crittenden, our wonderful forward of last year, is expected to return this week.

B. B. Haralson left Wednesday for Nocana, to be examined by the exemption board there.

There has been a good deal of sickness among the dormitory students during the past week. Miss Lloyds Cook has been seriously ill. Miss Eva Gettys and Ella Craft are now well and reporting to classes. Among the boys the sick have been Longley, Carlisle, Gettys and Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cooke of Munster, visited their daughter, Lloyds, Saturday.

The "Summit" staff is now hard at work. Seventeen of the illustrations were sent to the engraver Tuesday. The photographer began taking the group pictures Wednesday.

On account of extra work, Dr. Wolfe was not able to begin his chapel services until Tuesday morning.

The Metropolitan male quartette the fourth lyceum attraction, is scheduled for 8th and 9th of next month.

Dr. Wolfe Mr. Babbit and Rev. H. J. Matthews were the guests of Pres. and Mrs. Ward at dinner Tuesday.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Troy Harris to Leona Smith.
Lin Patterson to Ethel Bradford.
Robert Neel to Ethel Crowder.
I. M. Melton to Lillie Bray.
Samuel Ingram to Lucy Turpin.
W. S. Knox to Ruth Gardner.

JEFFRIES CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER PREC. 1-6

J. L. Jeffries announces this week as a candidate for commissioner of precinct 1 and 6. Mr. Jeffries made the race two years ago, and is making the race again at the solicitation of friends. Mr. Jeffries has had 3 years of practical experience in road building, and is a successful and progressive farmer whose honesty and efficiency recommend him for the place he seeks. He states that if elected, he will give his very best efforts to the affairs of the county and the improvement of our roads.

N. B. Atkinson of Brumlow, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

C. W. Escue of Cooke county, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carl Faith.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Baker, Jan. 16, a daughter.

FORMER DECATUR CITIZENS RESIDING IN FORT WORTH UNTIL HUSBAND AND FATHER SAILS FOR BATTLEFIELD



MRS. S. A. LILLARD, JR AND DAUGHTER
Wife and daughter of Capt. Lillard of 142 Infantry Camp Bowie

PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN DIES AT HOME IN ALVORD

Ed P. Frenzley died at the family home in Alvord Friday night last at 9:45 o'clock from an attack of congestion. Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon by Revs. J. P. Humphreys and W. C. McClung. The esteem in which Mr. Frenzley was held by the neighbors and associates was attested by the large number of floral offerings. He was about fifty years old and was a native of Arkansas, but had resided in Texas practically all his life, and been a citizen of Alvord and identified with the business interests for more than twenty years.—Alvord News.

CHARLES HARDWICK FOR RE-ELECTION FOR CONSTABLE

Constable Charles Hardwick announces that he is a candidate for re-election. That he has made a good and efficient officer is not questioned and he asks the support of the people on the record he has made. Charles is capable and at all times is found on the job.

Never before have the rural schools of Wise county been in a position to do more efficient and constructive work. Not a single ripple of trouble has occurred in the ninety schools of the county. The teachers now in this county are the most efficient we have ever had. The trustees are working with all their vim to improve their schools. These trustees over the county have recently installed \$10,000 worth of equipment, more than 550 libraries, and the rural schools are now getting in a position to do real work. More interest is manifested on the part of all patrons, and we have reason to do as good work as is done in any of our country schools. They are doing as good work as is done in any town school in the county.

Jesse Lisby of near old Aurora, announces in this issue as a candidate for public weigher of Precinct 5. Mr. Lisby is 33 years of age, has lived in the precinct the past eleven years, and is a hard-working, upright and honest man. If he is elected will attend to the duties of this office to the best of his ability.

He is amply qualified and will appreciate your support.

Rev. and Mrs. Louis Stuckey of Carrollton, are visiting here. They are enroute to their new home in Wichita Falls, to which place Rev. Stuckey has been transferred by the bishop to take charge of the new Methodist church established at the aviation camp there. This is an important appointment, but the bishop made no mistake in placing this man for the work, as he is one of the best young preachers in the state, and an untiring religious worker.

Walter Owen, one of the most popular barbers in Decatur, asks the Messenger to state that he will be in his new shop in a few days. When fitted up this new tonsorial parlor will be one of the best equipped in the state. Clean and sanitary to a splendid degree. Next door north of the northeast corner; opposite Decatur Motor Co. on North Trinity Your patronage will be appreciated.

The coldest blizzard since 1899 struck this section on last Thursday night. Some rain, sleet and snow fell, and early Friday morning the thermometer registered as low as 3 degrees below zero. The cold spell continued through Saturday, but the weather was warmer Sunday afternoon. Early Monday morning about 3/4 of an inch of rain fell, followed by a big drop in temperature, and snow fell during the day Monday. The moisture is sufficient to greatly benefit the wheat crop.

The commissioners' races in precincts 2 and 3 and 7 and 8 are beginning to warm up, with two candidates running in each of the two commissioner's precincts. In precinct 2 and 3 W. W. Hanna and J. J. McDonald are candidates, while M. T. Beeson and Walter S. Crawford are running in precinct 7 and 8.

Brandon Trussell tells the Messenger to state that he is in the race for state superintendent to a finish. He says that he is receiving encouraging reports from all sections of the county.

There is an epidemic of measles in Alvord and it is reported that there are now more than 100 cases in that town.

Official Statement of the First State Bank

at Newark, Texas at the Close of Business December 31, 1917.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$67,069.09
Undivided profits	1,000.00
Real estate (Banking house 12,000.00)	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$27,492.15
Overdrafts	113.00
Bonds and stocks (Cotton and panuts)	33,036.90
Real estate (Banking house)	1,200.00
Other real estate	1,375.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,200.00
Due from approved reserve agents	49,390.35
Cash items	195.79
Currency	5,972.00
Specie	1,003.45
Interest in Guaranty fund	365.91
Total	\$125,683.40

LIABILITIES

Capital stock	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus fund	1,000.00
Individual deposits	110,392.74
Cashier's checks	414,741
Other liabilities, (peanuts)	143.25
TOTAL	\$125,683.40

State of Texas, County of Montague.

We, John B. Hunt, as president, and T. L. Davis as cashier of said bank, each of us solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

JOHN B. HUNT, President.
T. L. DAVIS, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of January, A. D. 1918.

H. MOSS, Notary Public in and for Montague County, Texas.

CORRECT ATTEST:
C. E. BROWN,
J. M. HUCKABEE,
Z. B. SHUBERT.

Directors.
H. S. Ford of Rhome, was here Tuesday.

Capt. Henry Brady and W. E. Terrell visited Allen Brady's camp on West Fork Saturday.

Attend the Majestic tonight.

THE PEOPLE ARE SAYING

It has been pointed out as evidence of how strongly the duty of saving had been impressed upon the English people by the war-savings campaign in that country that in the year 1916 although purchasing billions of dollars of war bonds, the small savings bank depositors in England increased their deposits in savings banks over \$60,000,000, this in the face of the fact that the English have been noted as a spending rather than a saving people.

It seems that a similar process has taken place in America. Two great Liberty Loans were floated in the year just closing, and nearly \$6,000,000,000 of Liberty Loan Bonds were purchased by the people. Yet instead of being depleted the savings-banks deposits of the country have been increased. The president of one of the large New York savings banks is quoted as saying: "One of the most remarkable things about the Liberty Loan campaigns is the small effect they have had on the savings banks accounts, which show an increase. This we lay to the appeals made to the American people to purchase the bonds out of their earnings, paying for the from week to week or from month to month. The people appear to be doing as they have been urged, purchasing the bonds from current savings."

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Wise. By virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the honorable district court of Dallas county, on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1917, by Matt L. Cobb, clerk of said court, against T. T. Mitchum for the sum of \$2,686.35 and costs of suit in cause No. 23333-B in said court, styled Lummus Cotton Sales Co. vs. T. T. Mitchum, placed in my hand for service, I, J. Lee Mann, as sheriff of Wise county, Texas, did on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1917, levy on certain real estate situated in Wise county Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

First tract: 60 acres out of the S. G. Norvell survey, beginning at the S. E. corner of 201 acres sold to C. C. Liles; thence south 630 vares thence 82 West 840 vares s. e. corner of tract of 100 acres of the S. G. Norvell survey; thence N. 630 vares; thence 82 N. 80 E. 540 vares to the beginning.

Second tract: 226 acres out of the N. C. Butler survey, beginning at the S. W. corner of 265 acres sold to C. C. Liles; thence S. 938 vares; thence N. 85 E. 1465 vares; thence N. 818 vares, S. E. corner of Lile tract; thence W. with his boundary, to beginning.

And levied upon as the property of said T. T. Mitchum, and on Tuesday, the 5th day of February, A. D. 1918, at the courthouse door of Wise county, in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. I will sell said real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said T. T. Mitchum, by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise County.

Witness my hand, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1917.

J. LEE MANN, Sheriff
Wise County, Texas.

NOTICE

All patrons of the Model Dairy are requested to put out their empty milk bottles. We need them.—MODEL DAIRY, J. N. Hinkle, Prop.

A SANITARY CONDITION THAT REFLECTS ON THE COUNTRY

The United States Public Health Service presents a serious indictment against rural communities which have failed to provide for the health of their children. Seventy-five per cent of the defects which have barred young men from rural districts from army service were caused by unsanitary conditions in the rural schools.

Such defects as poor sight, flat feet, bad teeth and underweight appeared in very alarming numbers when young men from the cities and towns were examined. Seventy-five per cent of the most seriously afflicted came from the rural districts.

Robbing children of health and opportunity will not be tolerated any more than German autocracy. Men who oppose rural school improvement because they object to paying more taxes should hereafter be regarded as highly undesirable members of any community.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our dear friends for the many acts of kindness shown us during the illness and death of our darling husband and father. Also for the beautiful floral offerings. May God's richest blessings rest upon each and every one of you.

MRS. W. E. GIBBON,
JULIAN GIBBON,
JEWEL GIBBON AND
FAMILY,
MRS. C. C. LEWIS AND
FAMILY.

SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Wise. By virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the honorable district court of Wise county, on the 1st day of Jan., 1918, by W. V. Cunningham, clerk of said court, against W. D. Black, E. Porter and J. W. Curry for the sum of eighteen hundred and twenty and 28/100—(\$1820.23)—dollars and costs of suit in cause No. 4160 in said court styled J. L. Norris vs. W. D. Black, et al, and placed in my hands for service, I, J. Lee Mann, as sheriff of Wise county, Texas, did, on the 1st day of Jan., 1918, levy on a certain real estate situated in Wise county, Texas, near the town of Alvord and out of the George Wright survey, and being 107 1-2 acres off of the east side of a 160-acre tract of said Wright survey, known as the Hampton place, or tract of land, and levied upon as the property of said W. D. Black, et al. And on Tuesday, the 5th day of February, 1918, at the courthouse door of Wise county, in the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m., and four p. m., I will sell said real estate at public vendue, for cash to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. D. Black, et al by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale in the Wise County Messenger a newspaper published in Wise County.

Witness my hand this 2nd day of January A. D., 1918.

J. LEE MANN, Sheriff, Wise County, Texas.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Wise. By virtue of a certain order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Wise County on the 1st day of January A. D., 1918 by W. V. Cunningham, clerk of the said court against J. L. Crawford, E. L. Dickerman, J. T. Darnell and W. H. McCaister, for the sum of four hundred and seven and 65/100 (\$407.65) dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 4126 in said court, styled J. G. Pondexter versus J. L. Crawford, et al, and placed in my hands for service, J. J. Lee Mann, as sheriff of Wise County, Texas did on the 1st day of January A. D., 1918 levy on certain real estate, situated in Wise County described as follows, to-wit:

The following real estate situated in the city of Bridgeport, in Wise County, Texas and being lots Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12 in block number 3, in said town of Bridgeport, and known and designated upon the plats and maps of said town, out of the M. Crumpton survey and levied upon as the property of said J. L. Crawford, et al and on Tuesday, the 6th day of February A. D., 1918 at the courthouse door of Wise County, in the city of Decatur, Texas between the hours of ten a. m., and four p. m., I will sell said real estate at public vendue, for cash to the highest bidder as the property of said J. L. Crawford et al by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise County.

Witness my hand this 2nd day of January A. D., 1918.

J. LEE MANN, Sheriff
County, Texas.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

The State of Texas, County of Wise. To the Creditors of Loy B. Clark: You are hereby notified that Loy B. Clark, of the County of Wise, State of Texas, on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1917, executed a deed of assignment, conveying to the undersigned all of his property for the benefit of his creditors, and that the undersigned has accepted said trust, and has qualified as required by law. Creditors consenting to said assignment must, within four months of the publication of this notice, known to the assignee their claims in writing, and as prescribed with the undersigned, who is at Decatur, Texas, which is a postoffice address.

GLEN RUSSELL, Assignee.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages. That is Catarrh. Catarrh being influenced by constitutional requires constitutional treatment. Catarrh Medicine is taken and acts thru the blood on the faces of the system, there the foundation of the disease patient strength by building constitution and assisting nature work. The proprietors have faith in the curative power of Catarrh Medicine that they will cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CROFT & CO., 111 Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.